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MEMORANDUM FOR: Information Systems Board Members

FROM: [REDACTED]

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Executive Secretary to the Board

SUBJECT: Minutes of 19 January 1984 Meeting of the
Information Systems Board1. The Information Systems Board met on Thursday,
19 January 1984. [REDACTED]

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2. [REDACTED] opened the meeting by asking for additions or corrections to the minutes of the 16 December meeting. There were none, and the minutes were approved as distributed. [REDACTED] announced that Board members soon would receive from the Comptroller a request for information on the costs and implications of buying, instead of leasing, all ADP equipment as directed by the House Appropriations Committee. [REDACTED] announced that his impending trip to the Far East would take him to CINCPAC where he would discuss, among other topics, "need-to-know" constraints on Agency materials in automated data bases. He asked the Board members for advice about what else might be discussed. [REDACTED]

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3. [REDACTED] next briefed the Board on the status of the requirements and costs study on using personal computers as workstations. He confirmed that ODP would complete a first draft of the statement of work (SOW) the following week, and, that after OD&E contributions to the SOW had been incorporated, the final document would be distributed to the Board before the request for proposal (RFP) phase. He further remarked that the RFP probably would be added to a current Agency contract in order to avoid delays in the contracting procedure. [REDACTED]

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4. [] President of The Pymatuning Group, Inc., and Director of the Community Computer Security Project (COMPUSEC), next briefed the Board on the status and initial conclusions of the COMPUSEC effort. [] told the Board that the project had identified 13 "critical" computer systems and a list of the safeguards necessary to provide a minimum standard of security. These safeguards ranged from relatively simple administrative actions -- such as the creation of a system security plan, the clearance of maintenance personnel, and a risk assessment before intelligence terminals or personal computers are used on a system -- to more difficult technical problems -- such as identification and authentication procedures and automated labeling of classified information. She next told the Board that, in the COMPUSEC plan, CIA would act for the Community in developing equipment, prototyping and establishing a process for automated labeling. [] for her briefing and told the Board that the Community principals, when briefed earlier on the findings of the COMPUSEC project, had agreed to support [] recommendations.

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5. The remainder of the meeting was devoted to a status report from the Computer Security Working Group given by [] C/ISSG/OS and Chairman of the Working Group. [] reported that the Working Group, as requested, was developing for the Board's consideration a draft policy on the sharing of CIA data with the Community -- a policy which must include all information, not just electronic data. At present, [] pointed out, no Community data sharing policy exists. The Agency's past policy -- a collection of codified rules, such as DCID 1/7, and informal understandings -- has been severely strained by the pressures and constraints of automation. Such strains, [] pointed out, are evident even between directorates within the Agency. The Working Group, therefore, feels that several political and management issues must be resolved before technical decisions can be made. Thus, the Working Group has prepared a list of assumptions about data sharing, which, once verified or changed by the Board, will be used to draft the Agency's policy. Those assumptions will be discussed at the meeting in February.

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6. [] also briefed the Board on the Working Group's decision to reformulate itself as an Information Systems Security Advisory Panel to assist the Director of Security. A charter for that panel will be presented to the Board at a future meeting. In a status report on RECON GUARD, [] reported that the GUARD system has been installed in the Ruffing Center and currently is being tested as a stand-alone process, attached either to RECON or to systems outside the CIA. The Working Group will brief the Board on the success of RECON GUARD in June, [] promised, and will have a final report with recommendations for an interagency data sharing policy at that time.

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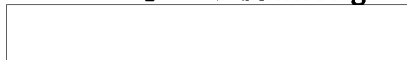
7. [] then adjourned the meeting. The next meeting is 25X1
scheduled for Friday, 24 February, at 1400 hours in room 7D64. (U)

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